

MEDIA, PA – Before the passage of H.R. 1 – the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), also known as the Economic Stimulus Bill – Congressman Joe Sestak (Pa-07) understood the importance of providing easy access to information about the Bill and its implementation. During the debate on the legislation and immediately following its passage, Congressman Sestak met with 53 of the 59 of the municipalities in the 7th District, conferred with school district superintendents, convened forums with the area Chambers of Commerce, hosted six seminars – including one designed just for emergency first-responders – and held four telephone town halls to respond to questions directly from constituents. During that time, his staff went line by line through the Act to assemble an online directory that matches provisions in the Act – ranging from school funding to energy efficiency initiatives to transportation projects – with the government agencies responsible for their implementation. The directory indicates where the information is available, how the provisions will be executed, and who to contact for assistance. The preliminary edition of the The 7th Congressional District ARRA Resource Directory is now available on the Congressman's Web site – www.sestak.house.gov

The Resource Directory was created in advance of Congressman Sestak's Business Procurement Summit, to be held on March 27 at the Springfield Country Club. The summit will provide local businesspeople a face-to-face opportunity to act on information contained in the Resource Directory or find solutions for problems or questions they may have. The event will feature discussions on how funds are being distributed from the ARRA and how local businesses, municipalities, and organizations are able to benefit. The event will also provide opportunities for business networking and direct interaction with government agencies.

In attendance will be Dr. Mark Zandi, chief economist for Moody's Economy.com, who has advised Members of the House and Senate on the most effective ways to stimulate the economy. Senator Robert P. Casey, Jr., has also given preliminary acceptance.

When: March 27, 2009, from 8:00 AM until 4:30 PM

Where: Springfield Country Club
400 W. Sproul Road
Springfield , PA 19064
Tel: 610-690-7600

How: Register online at http://www.sestak.house.gov/upcoming_events.shtml
Registration on the day of the event begins at 7:00 AM.

To defray the cost, there will be a charge for participation:
\$40 for individual participants,
\$100 for Government Agency/ Non-profit Exhibitors
\$300 for Non-Governmental Agencies

Payment must be made in the form of a check or money order payable to Congressman Joe Sestak, and sent to the District Office at 600 North Jackson Street, Suite 203, Media, PA, 19063.

Contact Molly Abbott in the Congressman's District Office in Media, Pa., at molly.abbott@mail.house.gov or
610-892-8623 for additional information.

Born and raised in Delaware County, former 3-star Admiral Joe Sestak served in the Navy for 31 years and now serves as the Representative from the 7th District of Pennsylvania. He led a series of operational commands at sea, including Commander of an aircraft carrier battle group of 30 U.S. and allied ships with over 15,000 sailors and 100 aircraft that conducted operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. After 9/11, Joe was the first Director of "Deep Blue," the Navy's anti-terrorism unit that established strategic and operations policies for the "Global War on Terrorism." He served as President Clinton's Director for Defense Policy at the National Security Council in the White House, and holds a Ph.D. in Political Economy and Government from Harvard University. According to the office of the House Historian, Joe is the highest-ranking former military officer ever elected to the Congress.

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